

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows, this listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-12 (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented) A refrigerating appliance, comprising:
  - at least a first, a second and a third refrigerating area, having respectively a low, an average and/or a high storage temperature;
  - each of said first, second and third refrigerating areas, having a respective evaporator;
  - a compressor and a refrigerant circuit to supply compressed refrigerant to said evaporators and returned expanded refrigerant to said compressor;
  - said refrigerant circuit including at least two branches and at least one switching element to guide said refrigerant through one of said two branches;
  - said evaporators of said first and third refrigerating areas are sequentially connected in a first one of said two branches;
  - said evaporators of said first, second and third refrigerating areas are sequentially connected in the second one of said two branches; and
  - said second refrigerant circuit branch only extends over a portion of the surface of said evaporator of said third refrigerating area.

14. (Previously presented) A refrigerating appliance, comprising:
  - at least a first, a second and a third refrigerating area, having respectively a low, an average and/or a high storage temperature;
  - each of said first, second and third refrigerating areas, having a respective evaporator;
  - a compressor and a refrigerant circuit to supply compressed refrigerant to said evaporators and returned expanded refrigerant to said compressor;
  - said refrigerant circuit including at least two branches and at least one switching element to guide said refrigerant through one of said two branches;
  - said evaporators of said first and third refrigerating areas are sequentially connected in a first one of said two branches;
  - said evaporators of said first, second and third refrigerating areas are sequentially connected in the second one of said two branches;
  - said refrigerant circuit including a third branch including only said evaporator of said first refrigerating area; and
  - said first and said second refrigerant circuit branches only extend over a portion of the surface of said evaporator of said first refrigerating area.